Sincerely,

Chairman Harold Frank

Forest County Potawatomi Community

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Re(WC Docket No. 03-133

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Powell,

The pre-paid calling card scam that AT&T is an appalling example of a corporation not supporting its industry. This trick is depriving the Universal Service Fund of something around \$160 Million in contributions, contributions that fund the telecom industry's network infrastructure and spread broadband access to outlying communities.

There must be accountability from AT&T, and that can only come from you Mr. Powell, and the rest of the FCC. This is an unfair practice that could potentially spread to other telecommunications companies, who see how AT&T has gotten away with it. The Universal Service Fund is one of the most important institutions of the entire telecommunications industry, and to see AT&T evade paying into it is a great injustice.

AT&T is currently labeling a pre-recorded advertisement on its pre-paid calling cards an "enhanced service", and Universal Service Fund contributions do not apply to enhanced services. Calling AT&T's message an "enhanced service" is laughable and downright ludicrous. The FCC must step in, as it has in the past, and make AT&T pay. This simply cannot continue.

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Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Powell:

It has recently been brought to my attention that AT&T has neglected to pay universal service and access fees in connection with prepaid calling services. I understand how AT&T has avoided paying the fees. What I don't understand is how the FCC has allowed them to get away with it.

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The universal service concept was created to ensure that all consumers, regardless of income, have access to telecommunication services. How can a company simply decide that they are exempt from paying a fee that all their competitors must adhere to paying?

AT&T can no longer be allowed to reap multimillion-dollar benefits at the expense of other companies. If AT&T can gain an advantage over its competitors by bending the rules then surely more companies will begin to follow suit.

All carriers must fulfill their obligations under the existing rules until Congress or the Commission acts to change the rules. I ask that you and your colleagues please make certain that there are no exceptions.

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Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell.

According to a recent AT&T filing with the FCC office, AT&T has ducked over \$200 million in various access charges and close to \$150 million in universal service contributions by running an outright scam. AT&T has been running a short clip on its pre-paid calling card that says simply "thank you for shopping ____". By doing this, AT&T weasels it's way out of paying access fees and Universal Service Fund contributions by labeling this on "enhanced service".

My complaint with this, Mr. Powell, is that it is a deliberate misuse of the system, and the foundation for which the telecom industry is being destructed without interference from the FCC. AT&T somehow thinks that they are untouchable in terms of discipline from the FCC. In the past, they have defled, challenged, and disputed the FCC authority and are doing so with this scam.

The FCC once again has to stop AT&T from avoiding paying their due bills. These hundreds of millions of dollars should be put into the telecom industry as a whole instead of AT&T's deep packets. Pre-paid calls are still calls, and because of that, AT&T owes.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Powell:

This letter is a specific request to address a concern about AT&Ts failure to comply with the interstate access charges through prepaid calling card services. Million of dollars have been lost for important broadband and infrastructure because AT&T has pocketed the money.

AT&T has created a loophole, which enables them to avoid paying their share, by using a valueless pre-recorded message. They are then free to avoid paying into the universal service fund by calling this an "enhanced service". They have successfully avoided paying more than a hundred million dollars into the fund which was supposed to be used to build the network infrastructure and communication technology in the telecom industry.

Surely the Federal Communications Commission's role is to guarantee to consumers that AT&T not be able to use a loophole to avoid paying their share for the very network upon which they rely. Everyone benefits from the advances in the communications industry, and one company cannot be allowed to shirk their responsibility as a major participant in the industry.

Specifically, this is a request to address this issue immediately.

Thank you,

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Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell.

AT&T has tested the FCC in the past, and is doing so again in it's latest scam, one that is swindling hundreds of millions of dollars away from the telecom industry's Universal Service Fund and into their own pockets. AT&T is getting out of paying it's fair share into the fund and will do so until the FCC steps in and demands AT&T to play fair.

The company of AT&T has previously schemed its way out of paying for funds it owes, and it is obvious from their current day actions, that they have not learned their lesson. The "enhanced service" they provide is nothing but a voice over advertisement. Nothing enhanced about it. But in doing that, they say they do not have to pay into the Universal Service Fund, a fund that local and national telecom companies need for support and expansion. The Universal Service Fund should be protected under all measures, as it supports the advancement of telecommunication technologies and infrastructures. The FCC must be the one to step in.

Mr. Powell, as we've seen before, AT&T is not playing by the same rules as everyone else, and it is damaging the telecom industry as a whole. The FCC must step in and save the Universal Service Fund from those who refuse to pay what they owe. There are hundreds of millions of dollars being lost in the telecom industry due to AT&T's refusal to pay.

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Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

Rc. WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell,

AT&T has evaded intrastate access charges through a prepaid calling card service, exploiting a drastic loophole and costing the universal fund millions of dollars. This cannot continue. This blatant misuse of power damages the telecom industry as a whole and compromises the integrity of universal service fund.

AT&T has created a hollow service on its pre-paid calling cards that enables them to avoid paying what they owe. This hollow service is just a pre-recorded message providing no value, and by doing so, they are free from paying into the universal service fund by labeling this an 'enhanced service.' This has been adding up to more than a hundred million dollars, dollars that could be used to build up networks and advance communication technologies throughout our nation.

The deployment of advanced communications is something that can service all Americans. The PCC must be able to assure consumers that AT&T cannot create loopholes just for their company, and that one company is not exempt from paying into the networks upon which it relies. It's the FCC's responsibility to end this injustice and quit giving special treatment to АТ&Т.

Thank you,

Michele Reagan, State Representative

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RE: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell,

AT & T has always vehemently defended the subsidized setup it has in the current telecommunications landscape. The current setup allows for AT & T to exploit telecom loopholes and avoid necessary universal service funding. It's a classic example of corporate greed and a company's self-indulgence.

The way I learned of this incredible imbalance when I read that AT&T is using pre-paid calling cards to circumvent the system. By labeling a hollow, pre-recorded message on its pre-paid calling cards an "enhanced service". This allows AT&T the convenience of not paying into the universal service fund, and it has been costing hundreds of millions of valuable dollars into the universal service fund, the fund that allows the expansion of telecom service to rural communities and gives consumers better service and greater technologies.

The FCC must step in and stop this blatant and gross misuse of power. Telecom companies have for a long time relied on each other to work with each other, and protect the universal service fund. That trust is now in danger thanks to the antics of AT&T. It's time they play with the same rules as the other companies, or else it's setting a very dangerous precedent for future telecom endeavors.

Sincerely,

Cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

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Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Commissioners:

It recently came to my attention that AT&T has been unfairly avoiding contributions to the critical Universal Service Fund by claiming their calling card calls are not a phone call because they play advertisements to the customer before the call is connected. First I must ask, how could these not be phone calls? Just because a customer hears an advertisement before the call is connected does not change the fact that the customer's intention is to place a phone call.

Using this fabricated loophole, AT&T has ducked \$160 million in contributions to the Universal Service Fund and also duped other companies out of \$215 million in access charges government regulations require them to pay.

I work everyday to improve the lives of seniors and many retired Nevadans on fixed incomes depend on support from the Universal Service Fund to have affordable phone service. Even more retired Nevadans live in rural communities and depend on first responders that all benefit from the Universal Service Fund.

AT&T's actions are unfair and they should be required to not only make the required Universal Service Fund contribution on all future calling card calls, but they should be required to make retroactive payments to the USF to make up for the contributions they have been avoiding.

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I urge the Commission to stop AT&T from cheating the USF and require them to pay the money they owe to the USF and to the carriers they have been avoiding.

Sincerely,

Janice Brown

cc: Senator Harry Reid



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Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

The Nez Perce Tribe wants to express our concerns with the FCC's proposal to allow new charges and fees to be imposed on pre-paid calling card services. This proposal will raise the cost of pre-paid calling cards by as much as 20% on the millions of people who rely on this low-cost phone service. We urge the Commission to reject this proposal as it will have a disproportionate and negative effect on tribal communities across the nation.

Native Americans are among the largest users of pre-paid calling cards as they offer a reliable and inexpensive means of keeping in touch with family and friends. Because Native American reservations are typically in rural, less populated areas, traditional phone service can be extremely expensive and in some cases unavailable. By raising the cost of pre-paid cards, the FCC would leave many tribal communities literally disconnected from the rest of the country.

We urge the Commission to reject any proposal that would raise the cost of pre-paid calling cards on which so many Native Americans rely in the course of their daily lives. Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Sincerely,

Anthony D. Johnson

Chairman



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Re(WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Commissioner Powell,

It is my sincere hope that you will consider the concerns of this law enforcement agency and other groups who serve predominantly rural areas before acting on AT&T's Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

The Universal Service Fund is incredibly important to the upkeep and maintenance of our communications infrastructure in Mississippi. We are a vastly rural area and there are many poor people who would not be able to afford basic service without the assistance of the USF.

The companies which pay into USF provide 9-1-1 emergency location information because of a wise policy on the part of your commission. In my opinion it would be unwise to allow a large group like AT&T the ability to shirk its' corporate responsibility to the folks that depend on them.

In this day and age our agency is sensitive to the need to avail ourselves of the latest communications technology. When an emergency call comes in we must come to a person's aide as quickly as possible, if we do not we are held accountable. Oftentimes our response time and the difference between life and death can be made by technology.

Accountability is what I am asking for when it comes to the commission's decision. A big company may not consider some \$140 million in change a big deal, but it's a big deal to me and it's a very big deal to the responsible, hardworking taxpayers I serve.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to hearing from the commission upon taking action on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

I write on behalf of the Gun Lake Tribe to express our concern with the FCC's proposal to allow new charges and fees to be imposed on pre-paid calling card services. This proposal will raise the cost of pre-paid calling cards by as much as 20% on the millions of people who rely on this low-cost phone service. We urge the Commission to reject this misguided proposal as it will have a disproportionate and negative effect on tribal communities across the nation.

Native Americans are among the largest users of pre-paid calling cards as they offer a reliable and inexpensive means of keeping in touch with family and friends. Because Native American reservations typically are in rural, less populated areas, traditional phone service can be extremely expensive and in some cases unavailable. By raising the cost of pre-paid cards, the FCC would leave many Native Americans literally disconnected from the rest of the country.

We urge the Commission to reject any proposal that would raise the cost of prepaid calling cards on which so many Native Americans rely in the course of their daily lives. Thank you for your consideration of this comment. Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

D.K. Sprague, Chairma



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Dear Chairman Powell,

The time has come for the FCC to step in and make a decision regarding AT&T's most recent scam involving pre-paid calling cards and an "enhanced service" being used to bilk the Universal Service Fund out of many valuable and substantial funds. FCC has an obligation to protect the Universal Service Fund, an invaluable tool in the telecommunications industry, and must vote

against the FCC in this matter.

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AT&T's scam works like this: On its pre-paid calling cards, AT&T has plays a short, pre-recorded message thanking the customer for their purchase. By calling this an "enhanced service" – AT&T is able to skip out on paying into the Universal Service Fund. This money has been building up to over \$140 million in service contributions. As an industry leader, AT&T is providing a powerfully dangerous example of corporate greed and not paying to support the communication networks it uses to do business.

AT&T has tried to pull the wool over the FCC's eyes before, and the FCC stepped in then and took appropriate action. That action is needed once again in this matter. AT&T has circumvented the system, exploiting every loophole along the way. The FCC cannot allow this to continue. AT&T should be paying into the Universal Service Fund just like every other telecom company.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin and Adelstein:

I write on behalf of the Mescalero Apache Tribe to express our concern with the FCC's proposal to allow new charges and fees to be imposed on pre-paid calling card services. This proposal will raise the cost of pre-paid calling cards by as much as 20% on the millions of people who rely on this low cost phone service. We urge the Commission to reject this misguided proposal as it will have a disproportionate and negative effect on tribal communities across the nation.

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I am writing in regard to Docket 02-278. I live in a state that does not allow companies to call former customers after they cancel services (within 18 months or ever) if they are signed up on the do-not-call list. Additionally, people on my state s do-not-call list are not subject to telemarketing calls from any affiliates of the businesses they have relationships with.

I fully support these additional protections in my state and oppose any effort to weaken them. Several states have chosen to go above and beyond the federal law when it comes to telemarketing and should be allowed enforce their enhanced laws. Please do not weaken any state s telemarketing do-not-call laws!

Sincerely,

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